



Happy Mother's Day!

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LODGE MEETINGS

May 06, 2024
Initiation
 May 20, 2024
 All members invited.



From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler

May Flowers

"April showers bring May Flowers" is the old saying; however, we are lacking some showers. The month of April; however, brought us some flowers. While I was at Russell Lodge for training, Gail Welden, State Americanism Chair, told me that one of our Americanism Essays had placed third at the State level. We had one Essay that could of placed second however, it was one word too long. Unfortunately, it was disqualified. Once Coltin's certificate arrived with its gift card. I put it in one of my certificate folders. Sean Cutsinger and I went out to Flinthills Middle School to present Coltin Dragoo with his state third place certificate and a Ten Dollar Walmart card. I told him if Walmart didn't have Dino Nuggets he would have to settle for Chicken. What a fun young man Coltin is. That Afternoon I went to Peggy Brant's house and presented her with the \$200 Dollar Master Card she won from the Lodge. Peggy was so delighted she was almost in tears of joy. Just one more flower blooming for all the great things our Lodge does. April has brought us two new members, Thanks Roger Cutsinger. These two people have been coming to BINGO on Thursday and staying after to help clean up. When they asked, "is there anything else we can do?" Roger handed them an application and told them to fill it out. We will have their initiation May 6. 2024 with dinner at 6:00 PM to start our evening. All indications these two will make us a very productive couple. May 6 we will have a reinstatement "Carl Cooley" again. That will bring us up Three! I'm looking forward to the May Kansas Elks Association meeting, where I will present two Kansas Seniors with their Scholarship awards. These two young people have shined above all the other 37 scholarship applications I received. I want to thank everyone for helping with our delinquent list. A special thanks to Loren Anthony for allowing us to use the gift card to entice some of those Delinquents to pay their dues. We have about twelve left. If we can all pick one and send them a text asking them to pay their dues, we can close this book. Tell them how important their membership is to us. Help our lodge grow more flowers. May Memorial Day will be an important event for us. The American Legion will be placing flags on our veteran's graves to remember the sacrifice they have made, so we can continue to enjoy freedom. May 25th starting at 9:00 AM The legion will provide Flags, and staff as needed. We can always use a little extra help if you are able to put them out. Usually it only takes about 30-45 minutes. It would be GREAT if we had a few Elk hats or shirts out there. Just more flowers. As we go into May let us all reach out not only to our delinquent's but, to our friends to join with us in our efforts to make El Dorado a better place to live. More members equal more flowers. Together we can make it happen. Thank you all for everything you do.

Fraternally,

Phil Wickwire, Exalted Ruler

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CAROL BURNETT VARIETY SHOW

Mark your calendars, Friday May 31 and Saturday June 1 will be our show. For reservations or more information call 316-303-7140 or 316-321-9393.



GAME NIGHT

Loren Anthony hosts our monthly game nights. All members and guests are welcome to play. This past month they played on Monday April 08. They play again on Monday May, 13 for another exciting game to learn.

Sean Cutsinger



From the Desk of the Chaplain & News Writer

Hello my fellow members. May has arrived and the flowers are blooming. On May first there have been different observances and celebrations. The meaning of seasonal change is the most common amongst different countries. May Day is one of the four ancient Celtic cross-quarter days. This makes it an astronomical holiday as it falls between the March Equinox and the June solstice. It originated from the Celtic name "Belthane". Belthane was a spring celebration that had singing, dancing, and bonfires. Houses and animals would be decorated with yellow May flowers and ribbons. In Ireland town folks would visit wells. These town folk believed the dew would bring beauty and youthfulness. During the Middle Ages in England, the villagers would place maypoles in their yards. They would go into the woods and try to find the tallest tree to form a pole. The villages would have competitions to see who would have the tallest one. The pole symbolizes male fertility and baskets and wreaths symbolizes female fertility. The villagers would dance around the pole carrying baskets with flowers.

In the 19th century, a new meaning of May Day came about. This day became the day of International Workers' Day. Representing labor rights and an eight hour work day in the United States. Before that 12 hours was the typical working day before labor protests. International Workers' Day is a day to honor those who lost their lives at the Haymarket Affair that took place in Chicago on May 1, 1886. We don't really recognize this day any longer as we now have Labor Day that takes it's place.

Through the years different cultures had their own beliefs and traditions during this time. Europe and America celebrate May Day very similar, with flower crowns, maypole dancing and baskets of flowers to share with their loved ones. May day represents the return of spring and through the years children started making baskets, placing sweets and flowers in them, then place them on their neighbors door steps and run away yelling "May Basket". In Hawaii it is known as "Lei Day", a celebration of the aloha spirit and the giving of a flower. What a fantastic way to show someone you love them.

May Day is an official holiday in 66 different countries and an unofficial holiday in many more. I have always enjoyed this time of year as the flowers start blooming. This year take some time out of your very busy day and go outside and enjoy what Mother Nature has to offer. Be a kid and make a May Day basket and give it to your neighbors. You might just put a smile on someone's face. Especially, since there is so much negativity in the world right now. I pray that each of you have a wonderful spring and don't forget that sometimes, you just need to stop and smell the flowers. Amen.

My email SeanCutsinger@gmail.com. **God Bless You, and Our Order!!!, Sean**



Please keep our members and their families who are having some health issues or just some difficulties, in your thoughts and prayers. I am a firm believer in the power of prayer. Sometimes we all need a little help.

Sean Cutsinger



EVERY THURSDAY

at 7:00 p.m.
Early Bird at 6:00 p.m.
DOORS OPEN
at 5:00 p.m.



- May 2-5 118th Spring KEA Convention
- May 14 Coffee with a Cop
- May 31-June 1 Carol Burnett Variety Show
- June 15 Jimmy Holmes



2024-25 LODGE OFFICERS Meet the new lodge officers. Back row is Jim Masters– Trustee, Rodger Decker– Trustee, Tony Allison– Lecturing Knight, Deb Kirkpatrick— Loyal Knight, Roger Cutsinger– Trustee, John Britt— Leading Knight, Danny Morrow– Inner Guard, Loren Anthony– Trustee. Front row is Curt Zieman– Esquire, Stan Willis– Treasurer, Phil Wickwire– Exalted Ruler, Lisa Jack—Secretary, and Sean Cutsinger– Chaplain. Not pictured is Jed Morse– Trustee. Congratulations and I hope you all have a great year. *Sean Cutsinger*



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**ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY
FEATURING THE TREBLE MAKERS**

Saturday, March 16, 2024, the lodge hosted it's annual St. Patrick's Day Party. We had corned beef and cabbage and Irish Stew and Soda Bread for the meal. Thank you to Roger Cutsinger, Barbara Trent, Karen Andersen, and everyone who helped out at the event. This year we had to pleasure of having The Treble Makers perform for our entertainment. They are a group of men from churches around town. They performed several Irish songs. They were amazing. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the lodge. It was a wonderful evening and amazing food. I can't wait until next year. We hope to see you then. *Sean Cutsinger*

NEVAN THE ENTERTAINER



El Dorado Elks Lodge was proud to present, Nevan Castaneda. Nevan performed for us on Saturday March 30 at 7:00 PM. This was a fantastic three hour show. Nevan is very energetic and quite the performer and entertainer. Nevan just turned 20 years. He is from Aurora, Colorado. His passion for The King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley, started it all. He has been inducted into the "ETA Hall of Fame" (Elvis Tribute Artist), placing in the top 10 for Elvis Presley Enterprises Ultimate competitions. In addition to Elvis, Nevan also performed Tom Jones, Frank Sinatra, Englebert Humperdinck, Michael Jackson and more. Nevan also writes and records his own original songs in Nashville. This was a show not to be missed. Everyone had a wonderful time. We can't wait to get him back again next year. *Sean Cutsinger*

El Dorado Police Dept.

7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14
at the Elk's Club,
121 E. Pine Ave.



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**\$200 GIFT CARD
WINNER**

Congratulations to Peggy Brandt on winning the gift card. Those members who had paid their 24-25 dues where entered into the drawing.

NEW FLAG FOR BINGO HALL



During our St. Patty's Party the Treble Makers sang our national anthem and we had no flag in the room. I took it upon myself and ordered us a flag and donated it to the lodge, so that we will always have one in there.

Sean Cutsinger



EVERY FRIDAY
SOCIAL HOUR
6:00 p.m. to Close

BI-ANNUAL STEAK FEED & GRILL RAFFLE DRAWING



Saturday April 06, from 5:00 PM—8:00 PM, the lodge held it's Bi-Annual Steak Feed. T-bone steaks, baked potatoes and cowboy beans were the meal. It was a great

turnout and all the steaks were sold. Thank you to everyone who helped with the steak feed. Even though it was a rainy evening everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to come out and have a great steak meal. We will see you all again in September.

I am pleased to announce that Dieter Masters was the winner of the bar-b-que grill. Thank you to everyone who took a chance to win the grill.

Sean Cutsinger

KANSAS ONE SHOT TURKEY HUNT



Friday night April 20, the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt participants met at the lodge for a discussion about land habitat and KDWP shares the different habitat for different wildlife species. Landowners David Sundgren and John Culver. Two different pieces of land, they shared what they are doing and the challenges they face. Article and pictures, Courtesy of Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt. *Sean Cutsinger*



STATE AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Wednesday April 17, 2024, Phil Wickwire and myself went to Flinthills High School to present Coltin Draggio with his third place award for the State Americanism Essay Contest. This is one of my favorite programs of the Elks. This years theme was "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me". Coltin's essay was not only well written, but also had some humor in it. The Flinthills Middle School assembled the students in the lunch room and Phil presented Coltin with his certificate and award gift card. Congratulations to Coltin on a job well done. We look forward to reading your next essay this fall. *Sean Cutsinger*



- 04 David Greene
- 04 Kevin Lowmaster
- 06 Jed Morse
- 14 Theodore Gill
- 17 Valarie Bean
- 23 Darlene Laing
- 23 Brian Vermillion
- 24 Michelle Morse
- 25 Eddie Neubecker
- 26 Richard King
- 26 Stan Willis

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win.

04-01-24 \$10.00

Joe Knab

04-15-24 \$20.00

Molly Burkowski

05-06-24 \$30.00



ACT I PLAYERS

Our first show this season will be the popular Carol Burnett skits. We are doing six different ones with commercials in between sets. Deb Kirkpatrick will be directing all the skits this time around. I am pleased to announce that we have three new cast members. Jose , Eva, Macy. It is so great that each new show we get a few new actors. The rest of the cast consists of Janet Davis, Yvonne Gorman, John Britt, Sheila Hoyt, Jane Mathies, Brad Zimmerman, Tom Storrer, Patricia Bolton, Deb Kirkpatrick and Myself.

Break-a-leg *Sean Cuttlinger*



BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Thursday April 18, Barbara Trent and Karen Andersen brought in a huge cake to Bingo to celebrate Barbara Trent's birthday along with Carl Cooley and myself. It was a pleasant surprise. At the break they served cake to everyone at bingo.

Thank you so much. *Sean Cuttlinger*

JIMMY HOLMES AS ELVIS

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT! Mark your calendars. Jimmy Holmes will be back June 15 for another amazing show. You will not want to miss it.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



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| # 01 Overland Park at \$48.70 | # 10 Clay Center at \$7.18 |
| # 02 El Dorado at \$31.86 | # 11 Osawatomie at \$6.39 |
| # 03 Pratt at \$21.50 | # 12 Abilene at \$5.84 |
| #04 Ottawa at \$13.07 | # 13 Junction City at \$5.46 |
| # 05 Atchison at \$13.02 | # 14 Fort Scott at \$5.09 |
| # 06 Garden City at \$10.86 | # 15 Goodland at \$5.00 |
| # 07 Russell at \$9.10 | # 16 Chanute at \$4.87 |
| # 08 Salina at \$8.09 | # 17 Iola at \$4.85 |
| # 09 Parsons at \$7.75 | # 18 Hoxie at \$4.57 |

EVENT BOOKINGS

If you are planning a special event, like a Wedding, anniversary birthday party, or class reunions, please let a member know or call

This wraps up our 23-24 year. Thank you everyone for your continued support. As of 03-31-2024 the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$48,114.41 to date. That is \$10.76 per member of the 4,471 members in the state. The new ENF goal is set at \$4.80 per member.

ENF is how our programs and grants are funded. The easiest way to donate is to become a Club Member. This is a monthly recurring donation that will come out each month automatically, either from your bank account or credit card. *Sean Cuttlinger*



May 2024



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			1  Happy May Day!	2 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Lisa	3 Bar Open 6:00 p.m. State Convention in Wichita	4 State Convention in Wichita
5 	6 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Deb	10 Bar Open 6:00 p.m. Nachos	11
12 	13 Game Night 6:00 p.m.	14 Coffee with a Cop 7:00 p.m.	15	16 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	17 Bar Open 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	18  Lodge Reserved
19	20 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen:	24 Bar Open 6:00 p.m. Races	25
26	27  Memorial DAY	28 Main St Meeting 12:00 p.m.	29	30 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Men	31 Carol Burnett Show Play 7:00 p.m.	1 Carol Burnett Show Play 7:00 p.m.



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